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Letter from the Chairperson

The State Committee of Psychologists has spent the last seven months rewriting recommendations for Chapter 337, the statute, rules and regulations concerning the licensing of psychologists in the state of Missouri. It has been an interesting, often frustrating exercise in balancing legal needs, consumer protection, suggestions from the Attorney General's office and the complaints and concerns received from psychologists over the last year and one-half.

The Missouri Psychological Association has done its part and the suggestions and wordings suggested by MOPA have been most helpful.

The State Committee will be ready to circulate the proposed reworded Chapter 337 by late summer. I think you, as licensed psychologists, will like it. The changes will not give everyone everything. There will, however, be something for everybody.

First and foremost, the language of Chapter 337 for master's degree requirements will be **exactly** parallel to that language used for doctoral degree requirements: a big step, in my opinion, towards equality.

The much maligned "organized health service training program" will be replaced with the words "in the delivery of psychological services." I think you will agree that is a big improvement.

Industrial/organizational psychologists will be, like social psychologists, one of the exemptions written into the law. This has been accomplished with the help of Missouri I/O psychologists and their organizations.

There will be a section added to Chapter 337 which, I hope should give the State Committee more "teeth" in prosecuting those non-licensed people who call themselves psychologists and advertise as such in the yellow pages or elsewhere.

The full language of Chapter 337 will be published in the next **SCOP Newsletter**. I hope you will read it carefully and promptly send your suggestions and criticisms. It must be ready for legislative prefiling early in November.

More than that, I hope all Missouri psychologists will find it acceptable and tell state senators and state representatives of the need for action on it so it will be passed in the 1987 legislative session.

Then we go to work again on the rules and regulations!

Rose Boyarsky, Ph.D.
Chairperson, SCOP

Mid-Winter AASPB Meeting

The first annual mid-winter meeting of the American Association of State Psychology Boards (AASPB) was held February 28, 1986, and March 1, 1986, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

One of the primary issues addressed at the meeting was mobility of psychologists. There are many difficulties experienced by both the psychologists who wish to move from one state to another and the various state licensing boards. There is substantial variability in the requirements for licensing of psychologists from one state to another. AASPB is attempting to encourage states to look for similarities in the requirements for licensing of psychologists so that mobility can become easier and less confusing.

AASPB has formed a task force subcommittee to explore the feasibility of a national cut-off score for the EPPP (Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology) which is administered in all states except Michigan. Members of that subcommittee include William Crawford, Chairperson; Barbara Wand; Larry Bass and Randy Reaves, consultant. Recommendations from the committee include a trial project to see what effects a national cut-off score will have on psychologists being examined in the various states. The proposal will receive formal hearing at the annual meeting in August.

Some discussions were held regarding the seventh draft of the model licensing law developed by APA. Randy Reaves from AASPB provided substantial input on the sixth draft. Delegates at the AASPB mid-winter meeting unanimously voted to recommend that Randy Reaves be the AASPB delegate to provide input to the APA committee developing the model licensing law.

Indiana delegates at the meeting presented a newly proposed draft of rules on conduct to be added to their licensing law for psychologists. Randy Reaves underscored the desirability of the rules of conduct (rather than ethical standards currently used in the law since the ethical standards are much more difficult to enforce) as these are more specific than the ethical standards and thus, are more easily understood by licensees and counsel. Several states are now considering adopting rules of conduct into their laws.

An oral examination manual is currently being developed by a committee of AASPB. In addition, some video tapes modeling an oral examination should be available soon.

In all, the mid-winter meeting was well attended and was felt to be valuable for the delegates. There does seem to be interest among various states in collaborating about licensing issues. AASPB is exploring ways of making reciprocity of licensing psychologists an easier process. Most states seem interested in cooperating with these efforts although some states feel quite protective of those psychologists already practicing in their state and are concerned about any relaxation of standards already in place.

Larry J. Bass, Ph.D
Member, SCOP

Post-Degree Supervised Professional Experience

In an effort to expedite applications for licensure, SCOP is redesigning the form through which attestation of the supervised professional experience is documented. It is hoped the new form will assist applicants and their supervisors in being more explicit about the breadth and depth of the supervised professional experience, thus reducing the frequency with which SCOP must delay approval by requesting additional information in several critical areas. Historically, many attestations have failed to document sufficient breadth and depth in critical areas such as didactic experiences, type of psychological services performed by the applicants, demographic characteristics and clinical characteristics of the population served.

Before submitting application, it is important to read carefully sections 4 CSR 235-2.020 and 4 CSR 235-2.030 of the state of Missouri Psychology Practice Act. While making attestation it is important to give evidence of sufficient breadth and depth in the following areas:

Didactic experiences - this means providing workshops, seminars, readings and individual instruction in a wide variety of theoretical frames of reference and schools of thought in the candidate's practice speciality as well as instruction in use of specific techniques such as structural family therapy, covert desensitization, testing, etc.

Psychological services - this means types of psychological services actually delivered by the applicant such as organizational development consultations to agencies, individual, group and family/marital therapy, test development, administration, scoring and reporting etc.

Demographic data - it is important that applicants demonstrate ability to work with a wide range of populations with regard to age, sex, race, marital and socio-economic status and type of presenting problems.

Although already clearly stated in the rules, it may be helpful to note several other points frequently overlooked by applicants and their supervisors: 1) the applicant and supervisor must both be employed by or affiliated with the agency within which the supervision takes place; 2) reports must be cosigned by the supervisor; 3) group supervision is not acceptable; and 4) minimum satisfactory professional experience is thirty (30) hours per week.

We hope that this information will be helpful to applicants and supervisors in selecting, implementing and applying for satisfactory post-degree supervised professional experience for licensure.

Roy C. Davis, D.Min.
Member, SCOP

On Credential Presentation

The State Committee of Psychologists and Department of Economic Development is most concerned about the accuracy with which credentials of a professional are presented to the public.

In particular, SCOP has had a long-standing concern with the manner with which citizens of our state utilize the "Yellow Pages" (*directory advertising of the telephone company*) to attempt to secure information about practitioners. Specifically, the nature of the listings that practitioners use has been a source of special concern to the Committee.

The ethical principles require psychologists to accurately represent their credentials to the public and directory advertising is one source of such information.

Of course, not only licensed psychologists list themselves in the "Yellow Pages", but also many other practitioners and individuals list themselves as psychologists who are unlicensed, which may be a violation of Missouri law. This Committee has been working hard to secure a liaison with the appropriate telephone company (which of course depends upon geographic location) in order to insure that listings are accurate and that the likelihood of unlicensed individuals becoming listed is reduced. In particular, at the present time the State Committee has embarked upon a four-point plan, adopted in 1983, for assuring accuracy of yellow page listings.

This plan has been concerned with:

- 1) the general policy of the telephone companies with regard to securing listings of individuals calling themselves psychologists;
- 2) accurate presentation of psychologists' credentials;
- 3) assuring cooperation with the appropriate telephone company with regard to listings that are taken out, as well as discussion of possible preventive steps which could be taken to minimize later problems; and
- 4) scrutinizing currently published directories in Missouri and attempting to educate licensed psychologists about appropriate listings as well as initiating investigations of individuals who are listed as psychologists but who in fact are not licensed.

Recently the Committee has been communicating with several phone companies and pointing out to them questionable listings from their most recently published directories, as well as attempting to formulate steps to reduce possible problems of listings in the future.

With regard to possible misrepresentation of licensed psychologists, the Committee may elect to contact such psychologists to determine the nature of their listing. For example, it should be kept in mind that licensure in Missouri as psychologists is generic, not of a specialty nature, and thus for example, a listing indicating "Licensed Clinical Psychologist" is perceived to be inaccurate because it can be perceived by the public as specialty licensure in clinical psychology; however, a listing such as "Clinical Psychologist" (new line) "Licensed Psychologist, State of Missouri" would be acceptable. (See SCOP Newsletter, October, 1985 [Vol. 2, #1])

It is the individual psychologist's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the individual listing, not that of their secretary, colleague or agency for whom he or she is employed. Additionally, any specialty listing implying competence in a particular area is subject to review by SCOP. Moreover, it is the burden of the individual psychologist to verify licensure status at the time that the advertisement is taken out.

On a separate basis the Committee is considering, in the future, possible adoption of a rule which would further aid the public in identifying appropriately credentialed psychologists. Specifically, some licensing board jurisdictions require licensees to provide their license numbers on any publicly available document, including telephone advertising listings, as a way to further aid the public's discrimination of licensed psychologists from individuals who advertise as such but in fact are not licensed. Provision of a license number, it is thought, would make such appropriate distinctions clearer.

The State Committee of Psychologists certainly hopes that it can secure the cooperation of every licensed psychologist in the state, as well as representatives of other organizations and the public at large in an effort to attempt to assure representational accuracy of professional background, status, and licensure. In focusing some of its efforts on directory listings, it is hoped that the profession of psychology is represented to the public as accurately as possible. As always, the Committee welcomes comments on its activities in these areas from licensees and others.

Kenneth L. Russ, Ph.D.
Member, SCOP

Waiver of Confidentiality Form

An additional form will soon be added to the packet mailed to psychology licensure applicants. The Committee has been advised by legal counsel that applications and accompanying transcripts are considered confidential information under Missouri statutes and the new form addresses that situation.

SCOP has traditionally considered applicants' materials in open meeting, to a great extent so interested professionals might become aware of the complexities of review. To make consistent and fair judgments, when faced with the incredible diversity of educational backgrounds and qualifications presented by applicants for licensure, is both time consuming and often frustrating. Many guests who have sat through a few hours with the Committee have voiced surprise over the wide range of issues and questions that arise during the review of an application for licensure and have commiserated with the Committee in its responsibility for dealing with these problems. In its recent meetings the Committee has reviewed applicants' materials in closed session, making the closed session the longer part of the meetings.

The new WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY form, if signed and returned with the packet, will permit the Committee to review that application in open session. (Applicants who do not sign the Waiver may attend that part of the closed meeting during which his/her materials are discussed.) The Committee will endeavor to announce estimated times of the open/closed sessions for the convenience of guests, however, closed-door hearings are difficult to foresee and to announce much earlier than the week of the meeting. The Committee most sincerely welcomes the attendance of licensees and the public whenever possible.

Sara Ann Duncan
Public Member, SCOP

Administrative Hearing Commission

Information concerning decisions made by the Administrative Hearing Commission regarding applications for licensure, ethical violations or violations of the psychology practice act may be obtained by writing directly to the Administrative Hearing Commission at Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

The Committee encourages interested, licensed psychologists or others to contact the Commission directly as decisions are rendered by the Administrative Hearing Judges. These cases may enter into the Committee's thinking and deliberations not only about the administration of the law but possible recommendations for issues specific to recommended revisions of the law. The Committee hopes in the future, pending clarification of other state statutes, it may be able to communicate directly through this Newsletter with its licensees about such decisions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next PES Psychology Exams

October 10, 1986
Jefferson City, MO

April 10, 1987
Jefferson City, MO

Next SCOP Board Meetings

September 13 & 14, 1986
St. Louis, MO

October 18 & 19, 1986
St. Louis, MO

November 22 & 23, 1986
Jefferson City, MO

NEWLY LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

April 11, 1986 — Examination

Frances J. Anderson, M.A.
Marian Y. Barton, Ph.D.
Wayne E. Byars, M.S.
Mark A. Cook, Ph.D.
Dennis G. Cowan, Ph.D.
Louise M. Glotzbach, Ph.D.
Ellen S. Horwitz, Ph.D.
Koleen M. Kolenc, Ph.D.
Deborah B. Kukal, Ph.D.
Barbara Lee, Ph.D.
John J. Maloney, Ph.D.
Michael A. McLeod, Ph.D.
Gary A. Morse, Ph.D.
Alan J. Politte, Ed.D.
Reese E. Price, Ph.D.
Susan M. Reidhead, Ph.D.
Audrey S. Rice, M.A.
Jonathan D. Rosenboom, Psy.D.
Michael J. Ross, Ph.D.
Diane G. Sanford, Ph.D.
Robert K. Shaw, Ph.D.
Jeffrey A. Smith, Ph.D.
Allen J. Tamaren, Ph.D.

No. Taking Exam	30
No. Passing	23
National Exam Mean	138

1986 — Endorsement of Score

Paul Ahr, Ph.D.
Phyllis Friedman, Ph.D.
J. Bruce Hillenberg, Ph.D.
Henry Hummert, Ph.D.
James Moore, Ph.D.
Joseph Ryan, Ph.D.
Robert Whitten, Ph.D.

1986 - Reciprocity

Helen Bontrager, Ph.D.
Walter Buenning, Ph.D.
David Butler, Ph.D.
John Ditiberio, Ph.D.
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